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Dear Dan:

Copies of listings which set forth by item and MP number the basic components of Systems 1, 3, and Three and Fourteen Channel Data-Reduction Equipment are enclosed with the thought that this may be of immediate help to you in identifying major components of equipment by MP number. We will prepare a listing of this same information in numerical MP number order and forward to you as soon as ready.

If you are concerned with identifying the contents of shipments received at Headquarters, the following information might help you in identifying all major component items. We put this information on all of our shipments, and a check with Bob Welch indicates that he does the same in forwarding such information to Headquarters. The list item number and the MP number of all items are recorded on the shipping document. This information when so recorded offers the recipient of the shipment a ready cross indexing method, permitting identification of the contents. If the item on the shipping document is recorded as an MP-10308, list item number A-1, we would refer to List A and note that the first item is an MP-10308, A2 Unit, complete. In cases where an item is not clearly identifiable by a list item number, clarifying comments are made in the "Remarks" section of the shipping document.

To facilitate the process of identification, we will henceforth enclose in Box 1 of every shipment several copies of our shipping document to act as a packing list. Where space permits, we will also mark the outside of all containers with the list and item number as well as the MP number of the contents.

Perhaps these additional identification aids will help to solve your problem of identifying the contents of shipments. As additional lists and revisions to existing lists are prepared, they will be forwarded for your use.

Before taking any additional steps to prepare MP number data, I think it would be well to discuss in more detail your requirements and the problems and costs associated with organizing such data in particular forms. There are a very large number of MP numbers

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assigned to spare parts; and if all of these were to be recorded in a numerical order with proper identification as to system and component, it would be a sizeable undertaking. It might be an easier solution to the problem to identify items in a shipment to a specific list and item number rather than by the use of MP numbers. However, we are prepared to organize MP number information in any form you may wish; the only limitation being the cost involved. I would suggest further discussion of this matter during your visit in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Equipment List A, Rev. F Equipment List B, Rev. D Equipment List Q, Rev. C Equipment List R, Rev. B Equipment List U, Rev. -Equipment List PP, Rev. -

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